



## Hurricane Hunters kick-off new season

**By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola**  
*Public Affairs*

The Hurricane Hunters blew into town last month to promote their role and the role of the Air Force Reserve in tracking and monitoring threatening weather systems during the hurricane season.

The “hunters” teamed up with the Weather Channel and local media to help raise the public’s awareness of the hurricane season and describe the latest technology for predicting where and when a hurricane may strike. Flying in from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., with two WC-130s, members of the renowned squadron were on hand to show their aircraft and answer questions.

The Hurricane Hunters are part of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, a component of the 403rd Wing located at Keesler. It is the only Air Force Reserve unit flying weather reconnaissance on a routine basis. The unit provides surveillance of tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and the Central Pacific for the National Hurricane Center. It also flies winter storm missions off both coasts of the United States.

“We have 10 airplanes that enable us to cover more than one tropical storm or hurricane at a time,” said Master Sgt. Scott Denham, dropsonde systems operator. “We have three airplanes for each major region and an extra one to replace any of the airplanes that may be undergoing regular maintenance or repair at the time of a storm.”



**The WC-130 is equipped with a tube type portal that fires a parachute-borne sensor known as a dropsonde into the storm, measuring and encoding weather data all the way to the ocean surface. (Photo by Don Peek)**

Each of the 10 planes is equipped with a computer that encodes weather data every 30 seconds, enabling the flight meteorologist to observe and record meteorological data at flight level. The planes are also equipped with a tube type portal that fires a parachute-borne sensor known as a



dropsonde into the storm, measuring and encoding weather data all the way to the ocean surface.

The history of the Hurricane Hunters started in 1944 as a bar room dare when two Army Air Corps pilots challenged each other to fly through a tropical storm.

On July 27, 1943, Maj. Joe Duckworth flew a propeller-driven, single-engine North American AT-6 “Texan” trainer into the eye of a tropical storm. Duckworth flew into the eye of that storm twice that day, once with a navigator and again with a weather officer. These were considered to be the first airborne attempts to obtain data for use in plotting the position of a tropical cyclone as it approached land.

“We fly directly through the storm at about 10,000 feet,” said Master Sgt. Roy Cloud, flight engineer. “Working our way to the eye of the storm can be extremely bumpy at times. In terms of the airplane receiving a good shaking, some storms are better than others. The picture that shows up on satellite and TV is usually not what we see in the air at 10,000 feet. Since the clouds are usually at different heights, we can be half way through the storm and there is blue sky all around us. Flying through the eye of the storm is really an awesome sight.”

While the view is spectacular, the role of the Hurricane Hunters and the information they provide is vital to the safety and well being of millions of people who may be affected by these storms.

“I love my job,” said Denham. “There is nothing else in the world I would rather be doing. I go home every night knowing that we save thousands of lives each year. All the information we gather helps the Miami Hurricane Center to more accurately predict storm movement. This in turn provides an opportunity for people to evacuate areas that the storm will affect. Saving lives, that is total satisfaction.”

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## Congressional testimony: We must take care of our people



**By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III**  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force Reserve Command

*Editor's Note: The following is part one in a three-part series taken from testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Defense in May 2001.*

In an effort to retain our best and brightest, we need to reward our people through compensation and promotion and ensure they know their efforts are appreciated. We need to look after their families while they are deployed and reach out to their employers with our thanks for their support.

We need to ensure that there is open

dialogue among reservists as well as communication with reservists and myself so we can do our job the best it can be done. More than ever, we need to continue to partner with Congress to ensure we maintain the strongest air force in the world.

In the Air Force Reserve Command, we put people first, emphasize readiness, and continue to seek balanced, time-phased modernization and infrastructure programs.

We are aggressively pursuing ways to better leverage the time of Air Force reservists. We are building a telecommuting program, restructuring our inspections program and reviewing ancillary training requirements. Finally, we continue to pursue the quality of life issues that are important to reservists. Our focus is on entitlements, improved lodging facilities, family services, reducing personnel turbulence and parity of benefits, regardless of length of orders.

While pay is only one reason people join the Reserve, it isn't why they stay. A number of intangibles, characterized as quality of life issues, are part of the decision process. Advances in Reserve quality of life are the result of congressional interest.

A number of recent initiatives have lightened the burden a reservist carries. In 1999, medical care for members who are injured while on inactive duty was clarified and extended in the fiscal year 2000 authorization bill. Coverage under dental plans was expanded, and the Secretary of Defense was given the authority to waive TRICARE deductibles for dependents of members called to active duty for less than one year. The positive effect these measures has on the Air Force Reserve is enormous. It provides peace of mind to our members to know they and their families will have access to health care when they need it most.

This past year demonstrated that the health care provided for our reservists has cleared some major hurdles, but still has a few to go. I know that health care issues have been the subject of several hearings this year. We appreciate the Congress' continued interest in the welfare of our members.

## Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

**By Master Sgt. Carolyn Finley**  
94th Maintenance Squadron

Change happens, and we must be ready for it. Everything changes, from traffic patterns to and from work each day to geopolitical alignments. Twenty years ago, we were in a Cold War with the Soviet Union, with missiles pointed at each other. Now, we're talking about deploying cooperative missile defense systems with Russia. That's a big change, isn't it?

You have to be focused and know that when change comes along you have the right attitude. Flexibility - that's what's needed. The ability to see the changes coming, the focus to take advantage of them, the attitude that says, "Change is to our benefit." Because change will happen, like it or not.

Be ready for that next job or promotion. We are responsible for our own careers. So, whether it is your military or civilian career, be ready for change!

Many people just stagnate in their jobs. They learn enough to get by then coast, figuring that if they do a 'good enough' job that their supervisors will look out for them when it comes time for advancement or promotions. They ignore continuing education, they pass on learning new things - they fight change.

Change is a constant in the military. Changing locations, changing people, changing jobs - no other career can offer such diversity. It's been a great career and I have enjoyed many assignments over the years. I have had the honor to work for and with some great people who have had a significant and positive impact on my career. I learned so many things from each assignment and supervisor, I can't begin to tell them. This carries over to the civilian world - the attitudes and the embracing of change really gave me a jump-start when it came to success on the outside.

Everyone, from my husband to all the officers and airmen, has made my 15 years worthwhile. Sure there have been sacrifices, but for me a big part of it is the satisfaction of putting on that uniform knowing it represents ideals of honor and integrity. When I'm wearing it I want to represent those ideals.

Dobbins has changed during my time here. It's been a main source of education and job knowledge and allowed me to serve with some of the best airmen the Air Force Reserve has to offer - and while I've accomplished a lot I don't see the change and challenges ending. It's my responsibility to face the challenges, be ready for them, and enjoy them.

As the 94th logistics career advisor, each month during the UTA I see individuals outprocessing due to conflicts in their civilian lives with the Reserve. Change didn't figure in when they enlisted, apparently. They didn't make the preparations for school or job that they should have, and when it came down to being between "a rock and a hard place," their military career was put on the back burner. And I wonder how many of them, 15 years from now, will look at their lives and think, "I wish I'd stayed in"?

I decided a long time ago to endure and stay, even though it's been difficult at times. The best days of my Air Force career are yet to come as I strive for that almighty chief's stripe. So, I will look forward to new responsibilities, opportunities and ways to improve myself. Because change happens, accept it. It's your loss if you ignore it.

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## Chief of Air Force Reserve pins on 3rd star

WASHINGTON - The chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command received his third star during a ceremony June 5 at the Pentagon. This is not only a promotion for Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III but also elevates his dual-hatted position from a major general to a lieutenant general billet.

The change helps lessen the disparity in rank between Sherrard's position and that of other major command commanders because most of them are four-star generals. It also affords the position, in the role of chief of Air Force Reserve, coequal status with Air Staff deputy chiefs of staff, of which he is a statutory member.

"This elevation to a third star is recognition of the demonstrated potential for greater service and capability of the men and women of the Air Force Reserve - that's what this is all about," Sherrard said. "In reality, it's what we have already been doing, so evident in their day-to-day activities providing services and experience that are crucial to the Air Force's ability to meet its worldwide commitments."

The services agreed that the responsibilities of their respective reserve chiefs dictated a higher rank, but the



authority to upgrade the two-star positions had to come from Congress.

AFRC alone has more than 74,000 military members, flies more than 400 unit aircraft and operates hundreds more aircraft through associate programs with the active force, providing the Air Force with 20 percent of its capability. The flying missions run the gamut, from rotor wing and weather reconnaissance, through heavy lift and bombers to fighters, trainers and air battle management. No other Air Force major command encompasses so many different types of aircraft and missions.

In the fiscal year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress approved upgrading the reserve component positions, but the promotions had to come from active-duty, three-star authorizations.

However, with the enactment of the FY 2001 NDAA, Congress increased the limit on the number of officers who can serve on active duty above the grade of O-8. At the same time, Congress directed the Department of Defense to promote the chief of Air Force Reserve and the five other reserve bosses within 12 months.

"I receive this promotion as a representative of all the men and women of our United States Air Force Reserve," he said. "They make me proud to serve - above and beyond." (AFRC News Service from Air Force Print News)

## Dobbins team raises \$8,500 for Relay for Life

**By Chief Master Sgt. Betty Petrie**  
**622nd Regional Support Group**

"My name is Christy. I'm 8 years old and I've been a cancer survivor for 5 years." "My name is Tommy. I'm 10 and I've survived cancer for 3 years." "My name is Regina....Bradley....Susan...." Twelve school-aged children. Twelve cancer survivors. Some were diagnosed as early as two years old. Some just recently. Twelve special little people were at the front of the line for the Survivors' Lap, and so began the 2001 Cobb County Relay for Life in May at Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta.

The kids were accompanied by several members of the Dobbins family who are also cancer survivors, and hundreds more from Cobb County and beyond. Our Dobbins survivors were among dozens of base employees who joined the Dobbins Joint Force Team and participated in this year's Relay for Life, raising over \$8,500 for the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life is not a federally sponsored activity, and the team's fund raising efforts were, by regulation, confined to the partici-

pants' off-duty time. Using their lunch hours and personal time after work, they held activities such as all-u-can-eat lunches, cookie sales, breakfast sales, and silent auctions to collect money for the team's contribution to the American Cancer Society.



**Some Dobbins Relay for Life team members stand in front of the team tent and directional sign made by Gary and Jane Eisele. The team won an award for Most Outstanding Returning Work Site team.**

"Although we didn't quite meet our goal of \$10,000 this year, we did very well in other ways. We had fun, we raised some money, and we made new friends during our 4-month effort. That's what counts, and that's what we'll be doing again next year. Come join us, y'all", says Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Scott of the

Transportation Proficiency Center. Scott accepted the challenge in 2000 to raise a team to participate in last year's Relay. Once up and running, she's a hard one to slow down. This year there was no discussion about whether or not Dobbins would field a team - she just told last year's participants "be there, you hear?" And so they were.

Joining the team was Jane Eisele, better known to many as "Miss Jane", owner of Miss Jane's Country Diner just outside the main gate which fed breakfast and lunch to Dobbins employees for more than 16 years. Miss Jane and her husband Gary built a directional sign with names of the team members' hometowns pointing in all directions, as part of the decoration for the team's tents.

The Dobbins team won recognition from the American Cancer Society for Most Outstanding Returning Work Site Team. A plaque will be displayed in the trophy case in Building 838. The award was in recognition of increases in both team size and donations from last year's efforts.

Plans are already being made for next year's Relay. Come join us, y'all!

## OSI, FBI establish joint office at Dobbins

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - The Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigations strengthened their ties May 24 when they formally activated a joint operations group outside of Atlanta.

The group consists of a resident OSI agent, an FBI supervisory agent and four FBI field agents. They are located in the AFOSI Region 3, Operation Location B, satellite office at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta.

Air Force Reserve Command OSI officials here said the joint office is a first for the command and OSI. They said the group offers "unlimited opportunities for liaison and intelligence-gathering abilities between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies within the greater Atlanta area."

"A wealth of intelligence knowledge is now readily available and accessible because this office will serve as a focal point among the law enforcement community in Atlanta," said Special Agent Jeff Fleshman, the OSI agent at Dobbins.

At the activation ceremony, Special Agent-in-Charge Theodore Jackson of the FBI Atlanta Division and Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander at Dobbins, praised Fleshman and Atlanta-based FBI Special Agent Kenny Powers for creating the partnership between the two organizations.

Air Force Reserve Command activated Region 3 OL-B at Headquarters AFRC in July 1998 to provide criminal, fraud and counterintelligence investigative services to Reserve units worldwide in a manner comparable to OSI units serving other major commands.

In addition to Dobbins, the OL-B staffs full-time satellite offices at March ARB, Calif.; Westover ARB, Mass.; Fort Worth, Texas; and Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla. The Reserve's special agents provide criminal and fraud investigative support at the five satellite locations as well as criminal investigation analysis and support of force protection at 15 AFRC locations.

Reservists also augment active-duty OSI offices through the individual mobilization augmentee program. (AFRC News Service)

On July 1, the Dobbins DSN prefix changed from 925 to 625. Remember to make necessary changes on business cards, e-mail auto signatures and fax cover sheets.

# July UTA Schedule

\*schedule is subject to change

## Saturday, July 14

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-0900	HEARING CONSERV (REFRESHER)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0800-1500	M16A2 RIFLE CLASS (SFS)	RANGE
0830-1130	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DMPA)	BLDG 838/RM 2304
	0830-REASSIGNMENTS	
	0930-TDY (>30 DAYS)/SCHOOL TOURS	
	1030-RETIREMENTS	
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1100	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1000-1600	M9 PISTOL CLASS (SFS)	RANGE
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP	BLDG 827/RM 208B
	(OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94 MXS/BLDG 744
1300	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 80APS	BLDG 922/FRONT

## Sunday, July 15

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1200	MASK FITTING UNIT: 94ASTS	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1030	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DPMSA)	BLDG 922/RM 205
	0900-REASSIGNMENTS	
	1000-TDY (>30 DAYS)/SCHOOL TOURS	
	1100-RETIREMENTS	
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	UNIT DP REP MOBILITY TNG (CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG	BLDG 744/
	(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	2ND FL TNG RM
1400-1500	UNIT CCD REP (TTT) TNG (CEX)	BLG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
	(APR/JUL/OCT/JAN)	

## Herk Wonders



**What's the first thing that comes to your mind when someone says "the Fourth of July"?**

"Safety. People tend not to pay attention to things like the grill when they're celebrating with the friends."

**Tech. Sgt. Carl Yates, 94th Services Squadron, dining hall supervisor**

"History. The Fourth of July reminds people of the Declaration of Independence."

**Airman 1st Class Corey Philson, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, medical administration specialist**

"Patriotism. That's what it's all about. Pride in your country and the people who sacrificed their lives for the privileges we have."

**Lt. Col. Reed Sheridan, 94th Airlift Control Squadron, commander**

"Parades. Growing up as a kid in a small town displays of patriotism, like the parades, were always fun to see."

**Maj. Kevin Greeley, 700th Airlift Squadron, navigator**

"1776: Yankee Doodle Dandy. The fourth of July reminds me of the sacrifice the patriots made for our freedom. Patriotism is decreasing and holidays like the Fourth help us as a nation appreciate our past."

**Senior Master Sgt. Richard Trench, 22nd Air Force, aerial port specialist**

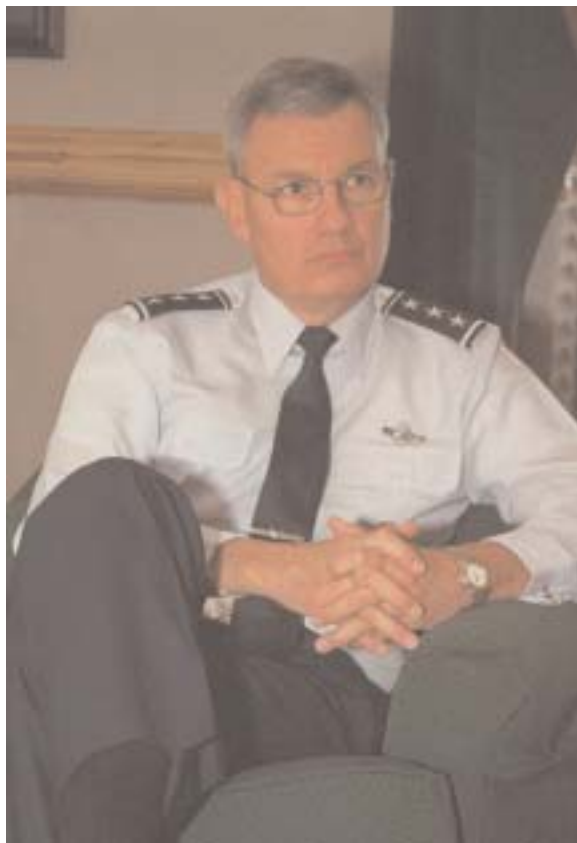
"Time Off. When the Fourth of July comes around it's an excellent chance to share time with one's family."

**Tech. Sgt. Bolton Hall, 94th Maintenance Squadron, electrical environmental supervisor**



# One-on-one with Lt. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer

Lt. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer was the guest speaker at the annual Atlanta area Armed Forces Day Luncheon in May. He is the principal deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Air Force for Acquisition in the Pentagon. He also serves as the military director, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. He has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, a joint task force and served on the joint staff. In Desert Storm he was vice commander of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional) and flew combat sorties over Iraq and Kuwait in the F-16A. During his visit to the local area, he gra-



ciously spent some of his time with the Minuteman staff.

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** I appreciate the opportunity to visit with you today.

**The Minuteman:** What is the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board? Could you describe your role as the Military Director.

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** The Scientific Advisory Board is a federally chartered committee, established by law to help provide the link between the Air Force and the scientific community. It's comprised of several leading scientists and some retired military officers. All are experts in their field. Their purpose is to provide findings and recommendations on a wide variety of scientific topics that the Air Force can use to further the technology that goes into improving our war fighting capabilities. Specific examples would be improvements to a weapons system, communications links, command and control; those types of things.

My role as the military director of the board is providing the link between the scientists and the war fighter. Primarily ensuring that as we study scientific issues, we don't get so far engrossed in the sci-

ence that we lose the perspective of what it is we are trying to do — provide a better capability to the war fighter. I also serve as an intermediary between the board and the Air Force leadership. I make recommendations to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff as to who should be on the board, policy and procedures of the board and the actual topics that the board studies. Overall, I would say that the Scientific Advisory Board provides a very valuable, very unique service to the Air Force.

**The Minuteman:** How often does the board meet?

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** It doesn't meet on a regularly scheduled calendar basis. We do have certain times in the year where we meet to kick off studies, write study reports, or brief out study findings. The majority of the work is done between January and late summer when the study groups and panels meet to do their work. Then in the late summer and early fall we generally brief those out to the chief and the secretary.

**The Minuteman:** From your perspective as Principle Deputy for Acquisition, give us a look 10 to 15 years into the future and describe the Air Force we'll see.

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** Obviously none of us have a crystal ball; the Air Force that each of us expects to see 15 years from now is going to depend upon where we sit in the Air Force today. From the acquisition perspective, the types of equipment and weapon

systems that I see coming are going to leave us with an Air Force that includes advanced tactical fighters; certainly the F-22 and the Joint Strike Fighter. It will include an advanced aircraft capable of inserting and extracting our special operations forces, the CV-22. We are going to have advanced weaponry that includes directed energy capabilities in the form of the airborne laser.

We will have an Air Force that is comprised of many more unmanned aerial vehicles than we see in the force today. Certainly in the field of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, where we will have both short and long dwell UAV capabilities. We will likely see unmanned aerial vehicles used in the combat role — particularly in the role of suppression of enemy air defenses, and perhaps in the interdiction role.

In space, I think we will see an even more seamless integration of air and space than we have today. And we have a very good one today. We'll have better surveillance capability from space. We'll have an improved ability from space to detect enemy ballistic missile launches with our space based infrared systems. We will

probably see more satellites in space by the year 2015, and they'll be smaller. Connecting the air and space pieces, we'll see be more able to capture and analyze information, and move that information to the war fighter in near-real-time so the war fighter can do the job better.

**The Minuteman:** Acquisition Reform is a phrase heard often. What is acquisition reform, why is it important, and what are some of the current initiatives that are being worked?

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** Let me start by telling you what Acquisition Reform is not. It is not a single program, as we tend to think of programs in the Acquisition community. It is varied number of efforts or initiatives that people have come up with over the past few years that enable us to be more efficient in the planning, developing, acquiring and sustaining of weapon systems. It is critical that we become more efficient, for a couple of reasons. One that is obvious is that things cost more today than they did 10, 15, 20 years ago, and they're getting more expensive all the time. We must take every opportunity to reduce the cost of these weapon systems and ease the burden on the tax payers. The next reason is a timing issue. We need to reduce the time required from when we identify a requirement until we hand the war fighter a piece of equipment that can meet the need. So it is saving money and getting capable equipment in the hands of the war fighter quicker.

Acquisition Reform over the last 5 or 10 years has done both of those things. It has saved us tens of millions of dollars. There have been tools that have come out of Acquisition Reform that have allowed us to do things in ways that we have never done before. Alternate Dispute Resolution is a good example of that. This is a method where we can avoid lengthy litigation with contractors over disputes. We can resolve those in face-to-face meetings, without involving the courts, often at great savings and satisfaction to both the contractor and the government.

**The Minuteman:** How is the Reserve Component considered in the Acquisition process?

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** General Ryan, our Chief of Staff, has said he cannot get along without reservists. They're fully integrated into the United States Air Force. In the Acquisition Community that is also true. In our headquarters Air Force Acquisition organization, we have over 100 reservists working every day. They are working on major programs like the F-22, Space-Based Infrared Systems, the most important programs the Air Force is currently working on. The reservists bring to our work force a perspective that is very unique compared to what our active duty folks bring. Many of the reservists work in jobs in business and in commerce. They travel outside the normal Air Force circles and they bring a business-orientated acu-

men to the job. In doing so, they provide us with fresh ideas and new opportunities. They have positive influence on the subject we just talked about, Acquisition Reform. We couldn't do business the way we do it today without our reservists.

**The Minuteman:** Is there anything you can share at this time about the F-22 and C-130J programs? Obviously there is a lot of interest in the local community about the future of these two programs because of the impact to the local Lockheed-Martin facility.

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** Both the F-22 and the C-130J are crucial programs to the future Air Force capability.

The F-22 is the aircraft that the Air Force is going to rely on in the decades to be the joint-force enabler aircraft. In other words, this aircraft will provide air superiority from day one on a battlefield, which allows our joint forces the freedom to maneuver and perform on that battlefield. It is a tremendous weapon system that has proven its capabilities in its test program to date. It has achieved, and exceeded in most cases, every key performance parameter that we have levied on the program. So it is meeting the war fighter's requirement today. We hope very soon to be able to get into low-rate initial production with the aircraft. We currently have several of the aircraft in the test program out at Edwards AFB. The Lockheed Martin and Air Force team there, and here in Marietta, is making a tremendous effort to help move that program forward.

The C-130J is also an important program to the Air Force. It is a unique program in that it is the first truly commercial aircraft that the Air Force has purchased for military application. As such we have experienced some problems, not unforeseen, getting the airplane going. We are going to buy 168 airplanes and replace our oldest C-130s with them. We currently have 32 on contract, 19 have been delivered. Those aircraft are performing well. We still have some minor bugs that we need to work out and we're working very closely with Lockheed-Martin to make sure that we solve those problems and we get that capability delivered to the war fighter as soon as we possibly can.

**The Minuteman:** Is there anything else you would like to share with the Dobbins community?

**Lt. Gen. Plummer:** The success of the Air Force acquisition program is a direct result of the team effort that is put forth. Everyone has to have the same objective in mind - providing war-fighting capability to the airmen in the field as soon as we can and at minimal cost to the taxpayer. The people here at Dobbins and Marietta, both our military work force and our industry work force, whether the military is active or its guard, or reserve and our DoD federal civilian employees, all have to join together. From what I have seen, you are doing just that.

# Consequence Island

## TESTING AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SKILLS

**By Maj. Jerry Lobb**  
*908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. - Twenty-three members of the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron packed up on May 12 for what was to be a very productive annual tour. The first week at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., included sustainment training at 6th Medical Group Hospital for medics, nursing and provider staff as well as an emergency medical technician refresher course for certified EMTs. The first week concluded with a Combat Medical Readiness Training exercise for all personnel. According to Lt. Col. Leola McNeil, acting 94th ASTS commander, "This was a first look at composite training during an annual tour. Combining multiple required training tasks can be effective but a logistical challenge in a packed two week period."

The second week was just as challenging and allowed the 94th ASTS to flex its muscle and knowledge by participating in Consequence Island 2001, a weapons of mass destruction exercise testing U.S. military units and federal agencies on their ability to care for and relocate hundreds of patients.

The exercise scenario occurs at a sports stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico where terrorists have detonated a chemical weapon. The San Juan fire department arrives to find hundreds of sick and injured patients, which quickly overwhelm local hospitals and medical staff. The call for federal help is made and a total of 24 agencies are involved in assisting in the care of the injured. Altogether more than 1,100 people took part including members of Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Public Health Service and 23 active duty AF Reserve and Air National Guard units. "It was a great privilege to work with 94th ASTS members as acting commander," said McNeil. "They did a fantastic job rising to the occasion and adapting to whatever was thrown at them."

In addition to San Juan, the exercise also took place on the western side of the island near Aguadilla at Raphael Hernandez Airport, formerly Ramey AFB. After the simulated chemical attack in San Juan, local hospitals needed to free up bed space to care for the victims.

To do that, reservists assisted in a simulated aeromedical evacuation of patients from the San Juan Veterans Administration Hospital and the Naval Hospital at Roosevelt Roads. Mannequins used as simulated patients were moved to Hernandez where they were then placed on aircraft bound for MacDill AFB, Fla. Upon arrival at MacDill, patients would be sent to hospitals in the area until they were released or until the crisis passed and they were moved back to Puerto Rico.

During four days of the exercise, two C-130s, a C-141 and a C-9 deployed 350 passengers and 39 pallets of cargo then airlifted 230 patients during 32 aeromedical evacuation missions.

As Air Force Reserve Command's lead wing for the exercise, the 908th AW from Maxwell AFB, Ala., organized and managed airlift operations, taking responsibility for all transportation to and from the island as well as coordinating much of the Air Force's participation.

"The bottom line of this exercise is that the Air Force Reserve Command has proven once again that the operational and clinical skills of its members is ready to be effectively applied to any event anywhere in the world," said Col. Ronald R. Rojas, Consequence Island exercise planner and director.

Lt. Col. Steven Ogburn, chief of 908th AW plans, was in charge of air operations, which took off from a Puerto Rico Air National Guard facility across the highway from the Raphael Hernandez Airport.

"The airflow went very smooth, everyone really hustled to keep things moving," said the "Air Boss," who praised the support received from the Puerto Rico Air National Guard's 141st Air Control Squadron. "If we needed something, we asked and soon after the needed

item or support appeared."

Master Sgt. Gaston Cannon, NCO in charge of the 908th Maintenance Squadron's electronic warfare shop, served as first sergeant for those deployed to Aguadilla.

"We had some problems with leaking tents, communication on scheduling and a few minor injuries," said Cannon, who doubled as the support element's troubleshooter, arranging fixes for everything from leaking tents to short-notice transportation requirements. "Overall, I think it went well, and the medical people really got some good training out of it."

Col. Stephen Foster, chief of the mission specific training branch in the directorate of health services at Headquarters AFRC, agreed about the quality of medical training.

"As a training exercise, Consequence Island was extremely valuable," he said. In addition to the normal career specific training, 175 deploying members received credit for continuing medical readiness training conducted at Sheppard AFB, Texas, or aeromedical evacuation contingency operations training. Reservists in the aeromedical evacuation community must complete CMRT or AECOT every four years.

Foster said 4,000 sustainment-training items along with aircrew certification were completed during the week-long exercise.

"Exercises like Consequence Island develop leadership, confidence, competency, cooperation and professionalism, character traits that cannot be taught in a classroom or on a unit training assembly weekend," said Maj. Mike Dankosky, 908th AES medical administrator. "They must be experienced first-hand on the flightline, while lifting a litter, and during critical launch and recovery operations. These experiences are what we rely on to prepare our people for actual aeromedical evacuation missions, wherever and whenever they're called upon to perform." (Story adapted by Lt. Col. Ron Malcolm, 94th ASTS, from a 908th AW news release)



**Tech. Sgt. Rodney Collins** applies dressing to the simulated neck wound of **Senior Airman Alina Hatcher**, also with the 94th ASTS, during a training session prior to Medical Exercise Consequence Island 2001. (USAF Photo by Master Sgt. Bill Kimble)



**Staff Sgt. Corey Gaines**, left, of the 94th ASTS, and **1st Lt. Gerald Stinson**, right, of the 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Charleston AFB, S.C., assist each other in beckoning (lacing) the exterior cover on field tents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kim Allain, 4th Combat Camera Squadron)





**Lt. Col. Ron Malcolm, 94th ASTS, hammers in tent stakes to secure field tents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kim Allain, 4th Combat Camera Squadron)**



**Staff Sgt. Derrick Williams, 94th ASTS, uses a mallet to hammer in the main support stakes to secure field tents at MacDill AFB, Fla., in support of medical training exercise Consequence Island 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kim Allain, 4th Combat Camera Squadron)**



**Members of the 94th ASTS, erect a medical tent at the training area at MacDill AFB, Fla. in preparation for the exercise. (USAF Photo by Master Sgt. Bill Kimble)**



**Above : Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Myron, left, of the 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C., confers with Staff Sgt. Makeda Evans-Jones, right, with the 94th ASTS, the finding and location of unexplained ordnance during a chemical warfare field training exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kim Allain, 4th Combat Camera Squadron)**



**Left: Master Sgt. Ken Bradley, 94th Airlift Control Flight, talks on the SATCOM phone from the TALCE trailer at MacDill AFB, Fla. The TALCE directs and controls all Airlift requirements and traffic for the exercise. (USAF Photo by Master Sgt. Bill Kimble)**



# SGLI - Who gets the money after you are gone?

**By Capt. Manubir S. Arora**  
*Assistant Staff Judge Advocate*

One of the benefits of being a Reserve member is having the option to purchase the cheapest \$250,000 life insurance policy available. That's right, I am talking about the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. But who gets the benefit of your life insurance policy after you're gone? This article is intended to answer some common questions and clear up some misconceptions about SGLI and why you should always designate your beneficiaries by name on your SGLI form.

1. Doesn't my last will and testament state who my beneficiaries should be?

No. A last will and testament will not determine the beneficiaries of insurance policies. SGLI (and other insurance policies) are ordinarily not distributed through estate/probate proceedings. Insurance policies are separate contracts between the insured and the insurance company. Therefore, it is critical that service members keep SGLI beneficiary designations current as life changes occur, such as legal separation, marriage, divorce, and birth of children. The best way to ensure that the SGLI proceeds are paid to an intended beneficiary is to specifically name that person(s). Otherwise, the "by law" designation may result in payment being made to a person that you did not intend or want to be named as a beneficiary, such as an estranged or divorced spouse or your most recent spouse instead of your children from an earlier marriage.

2. What if the beneficiaries of my last will and testament are not the same people I want to give my proceeds to?

The servicemember's beneficiary designation governs payment of the proceeds, irrespective of contrary intent expressed in a last will and testament or by other agreement.

3. Who gets the money if I write "by law" in the beneficiary designation section of my SGLI form? Or what if I leave it blank?

Under the terms of the insurance contract and 38 United States Code Section 1970, if there is no named beneficiary, or the service member indicates that payment should be made "by law", SGLI proceeds shall be paid in the following order: widow/widower; children; parents; executor/administrator; and lastly to other next of kin. If the beneficiary is a child, the insurance proceeds will be paid to the child's guardian. The appointment of a guardian is often time consuming and costly. The amount of the proceeds can be materially reduced by the payment of court costs, attorney fees and expenses. To avoid such complications and expense, a member may choose to designate a trustee of the minor beneficiary. If leaving your SGLI benefits in trust for a minor child applies in your situation, see your customer service representative and who provide you the appropriate language to put on your SGLI form.

4. Can someone challenge the beneficiaries I give the SGLI benefits to after I die?

The United States Supreme Court in *Ridgway v. Ridgway*, 454 US 46 (1981), held that federal law gave the insured an absolute right to designate a policy beneficiary, and anti-attachment provisions protected proceeds from state court domestic relations action. Lower federal courts con-

tinue to follow the *Ridgway* decision in enforcing "unambiguous designation" of beneficiaries. For example, in 1996, a federal court in Ohio held that an insured's beneficiary designation [his current wife] on the insurance contract took precedence over a state court divorce decree ordering the decedent to designate his children as beneficiaries. Also, in 1997, a Michigan federal court found that since the member's ex-wife's name remained on the policy after their divorce, she took precedence over the member's children. It is important to remember that it is very difficult for anyone to challenge an unambiguous designation of beneficiaries on your SGLI form.

5. What's the worst that can happen if I don't update who I want as my beneficiary on my SGLI form?

We recently learned of yet another case in which a service member's SGLI beneficiary designation of "by law" directed payment of the insurance proceeds to an unintended beneficiary. In this instance, a member and his wife entered into a marital separation agreement in January 2000, whereby they agreed that the husband would maintain life insurance available through the Air Force for the benefit of their minor child. In March 2000, the member "changed" his principal beneficiary on SGLV Form 8721 from "Betty" (estranged wife) to "by law." In April 2000, the decedent executed his last will and testament, wherein he disinherited his estranged spouse to the maximum extent permitted under state law and left his entire remaining estate to his minor child. The member died while divorce proceedings were still pending. Although contrary to the member's intent, "Betty" received

the insurance proceeds as his widow, "by law." (Note: names and dates changed to protect the privacy of the involved parties.)

6. Where can I go to get more information on this subject?

You can always visit your base legal office during the UTA regarding any questions that you have about your SGLI policy. In addition to the legal office, feel free to check out the resources below:

Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance Handbook:

<http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/handbook.htm>

TJAG OLNS Input - SGLI Increase — Reminder to Members of "By Law" Designation Risks:  
<https://aflsa.jag.af.mil/flite/notices/ONS28Feb01.htm>

TJAG OLNS Input - Importance of Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Beneficiary Designations Again Illustrated:

<https://ds.jag.af.mil/Get/File-49603/ONS23MAY01.htm>

AF News Article - Name insurance beneficiaries with care:

[http://www.af.mil/news/Apr2001/n20010403\\_0458.shtml](http://www.af.mil/news/Apr2001/n20010403_0458.shtml)

AF News Article -Officers assist surviving family members;

[http://www.af.mil/news/n20010529\\_0723.shtml](http://www.af.mil/news/n20010529_0723.shtml)

*Ridgway v. Ridgway*:

[http://192.156.19.100/jal/pubs/sgli\\_opinion.htm](http://192.156.19.100/jal/pubs/sgli_opinion.htm)

1. *Matthews v. Matthews*, 926 F. Supp. 650 (ND Ohio 1996).

2. *Prudential Life Insurance Co. v. Music*, 977 F. Supp. 842 (WD Michigan 1997).

## NCOs salute general with Order of the Sword

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was written by Senior Airman Shawn D. McCowan of the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. McCowan was invited to attend the Order of the Sword ceremony because he was named Youngstown's airman of the year.*

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah - Flags from each state of the union lined the hotel ballroom's northwest corner as enlisted Air Force reservists from all across the country gathered to honor one of their leaders.

Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, director of plans and programs at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga., was doubly honored June 2. Not only was he inducted into the Order of the Sword, the highest honor bestowed on an officer by enlisted personnel, but his boss, Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC, officiated the pinning on of Tanzi's second star. Three days later, Sherrard was promoted to lieutenant general.

The Order of the Sword is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages - the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders are still in existence.

America's enlisted forces began inducting their officers into the Order of the Sword during the Revolutionary War. The Air Force Reserve picked up the tradition some

two hundred years later in 1976.

Tanzi was nominated for the AFRC award by Hill's 419th Fighter Wing, which he commanded from July 1993 to February 1999. He is the 14th officer to receive the command award; Sherrard was the 13th recipient.

As the events of the evening began, a piper in a traditional Scottish uniform led the procession to the head table. Seated at the table were members of Tanzi's family and previous recipients of the sword. An empty sword cradle, in shimmering gold color and some five feet across, rested in front of the table.

Dinner preceded the ceremony, which allowed members of the gathered crowd to recall their personal memories of Tanzi. One of the people in attendance was Master Sgt. David "Hoot" Warner, who was an F-16 crew chief when Tanzi commanded the 419th FW.

"I remember how personable he was," said Warner, who is now first sergeant of the 419th Security Forces Squadron. "There was no doubt he respects his enlisted people just as much as we respect him. It just shows on his face when you see him - the appreciation. Ask anyone who's met him, and they'll tell you the same thing.

"Once I was on the flightline, preparing for a pilot to board an F-16 I was in charge of. When the officer was walking toward me with his gear on, he returned my salute, and asked me if he had a crew chief. I motioned

toward the person (who had been in charge of the aircraft before me). He nodded at me, and asked me again if he had a crew chief, meaning me. I started the walk-around, and led him out onto the flightline. That was a real honor to do a walkout with the commander. I'll never forget it."

Following the dinner, Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams, AFRC command chief master sergeant and master of ceremonies, called the room to order with a gavel. Three white-gloved reservists solemnly marched in the huge silver and gold ceremonial sword, and slowly placed it in the cradle.

After the sergeant at arms saluted the head table, Tanzi was presented with three gifts. First was a framed parchment proclamation, naming him recipient of the Order of the Sword. Then came the presentation sword, a traditionally designed ceremonial weapon in a glass case. The chief master sergeants also gave him a wooden, bust sculpture of a Native American chief.

Tanzi greeted everyone who attended the ceremony and presented each of them with an Order of the Sword coin commemorating the occasion.

His wife, Debra, received flowers in honor of her support of her husband's sacrifices to the Reserve.

"This has all been a tremendous honor for my husband," Mrs. Tanzi said. "I can't even begin to tell you what all this means to him. This is such an incredible thing. I know it's the highlight of his career." (AFRC News Service)



# New secretary outlines top three goals

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — He began his military career with the Navy and after 23 years retired as a captain. Now, as he starts his journey with the Air Force, Dr. James G. Roche said his military time brings advantages and disadvantages to his job as Air Force secretary.

“The culture I come from is a naval culture, with its traditions,” he said. “It’s not the culture of the Army or the Army Air Corps that led to the Air Force.

“On the other hand, I bring knowledge of another service,” he said. “I’ve worked in business around the Air Force for the last 17 years. What I do bring to the job is the understanding of a military warrior culture and the business world.”

The former aerospace executive and Harvard Business School graduate said he brings to the job “the understanding of dependence all of us have on our technicians, our enlisted base. I bring an understanding of national policy, ...of what it means to be an officer and a gentleman, and what it means to be a dedicated airman and a sailor.”

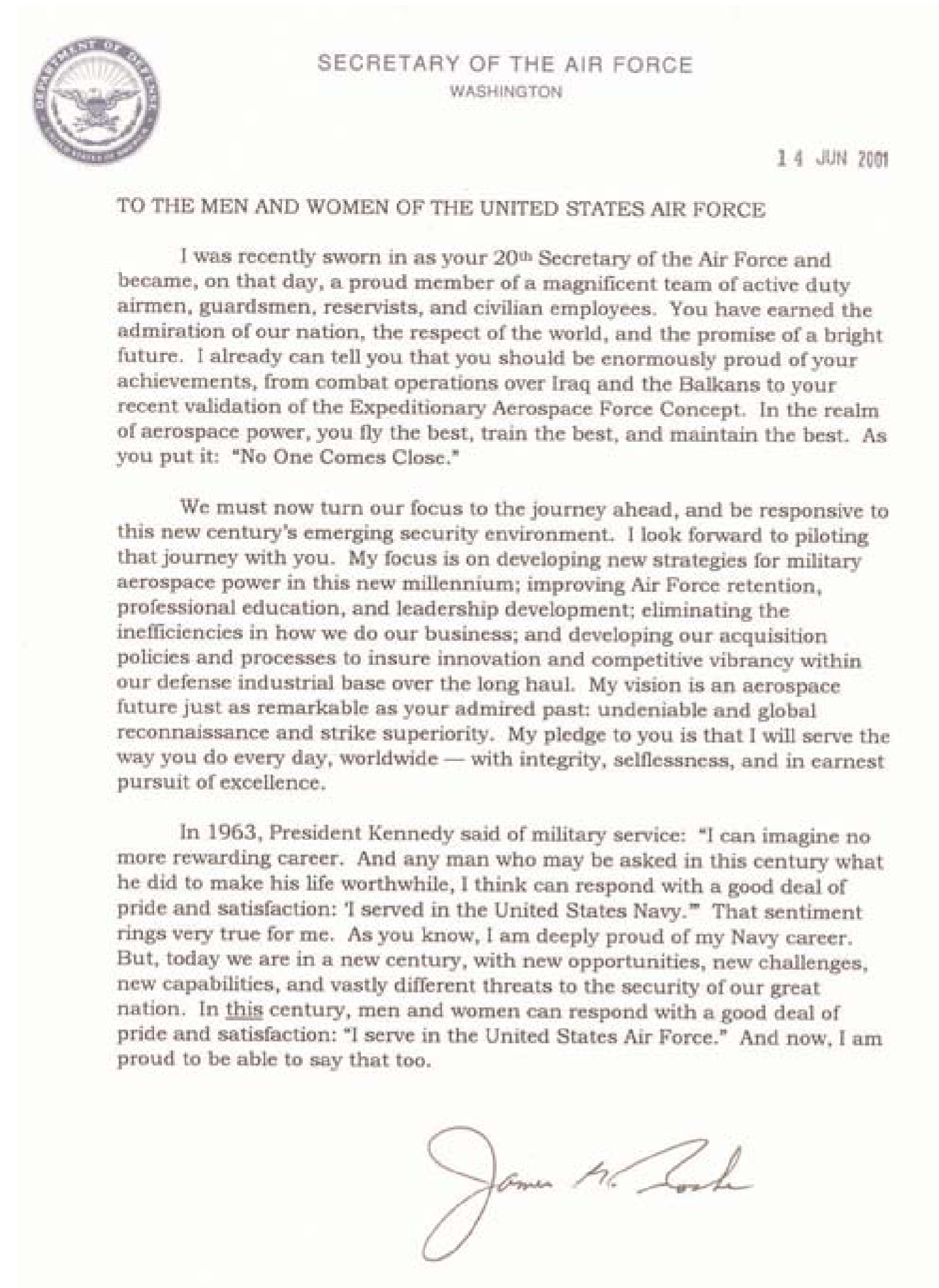
As he takes office, Roche said he has three goals in the areas of strategy, careers and equipment, respectively. “My first goal is clearly to work with the Air Force leadership to develop a strategy that is consistent with that of Secretary (of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld and President Bush for this era,” he said. “We’re in a new century, a new millennium, and it’s appropriate to step back and take a look at what we’re doing, where we’re going and what our role is combined with the other forces.”

“We can never win a war solely as an air force. We can work with the other services — Army, Navy and Marines — to jointly win a war,” he said. “We have a key role to play, and understanding what that role is and making sure our colleagues in other services can depend upon us is terribly important.”

His second goal focuses on careers.

“There are airmen, both officer and enlisted, who are leaving (the Air Force) about the middle point of their careers,” he said. “So, that means there’s something about our career development program we can work on to make better. We want service in the Air Force to be fulfilling for people throughout their whole career, not just for part of it.” The challenge is to make sure the Air Force has the talent it will need in the future, he said. “We have to make sure a career as an airman is a wonderful career, something that someone wants to do, not a series of jobs they have to do,” he said.

“Secondly, we’ve got to recognize



the value of our longer-term airmen, our senior enlisted and our middle-grade officers and realize they have a wealth of corporate memory that we’re going to have to retain and tap.” He also said the Air Force must ensure its high-caliber people get the kind of equipment — and support for the equipment — that they deserve.

To better equip the Air Force, Roche said his third goal is to look at ways to be

more efficient with staffs and overhead functions. He said he would also like to see more money moved to combat arms, making more funds available to repair materials and provide more spare parts.

However, “that’s just not a matter of asking Congress for more money, it’s also a matter of looking to see how we can improve our processes and be more efficient,” he said.

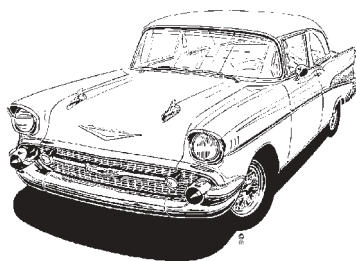
Roche looks forward to meeting and working with the men and women of the Air Force and to the challenge ahead, he said.

“This is something I never thought I would do or be asked to do,” he said. “This is going to be the high point of my career — and I’ve had a very rich, fascinating career to date. But boy, this is something I wanted to do, and it’s going to be great!”

## Deep sea fishing trip

Outdoor Recreation is hosting a deep-sea fishing trip to Charleston, S.C., July 27-29. Sign up has already started, so hurry to get those last available spaces. You can sign up at the Rental Center Building 558 to secure a spot. The cost is \$150 per person, which includes transportation, lodging and fishing. For more information, call (770) 919-4870.

## Win a car at the Dobbins Consolidated Club



The Consolidated Club's annual membership drive kicks off Aug. 1 and runs through Nov. 18. The Air Force Reserve Command Services is scheduled to give away a car to one lucky new member and one car to an existing member. As the membership drive edges closer, be on the lookout for how you can benefit from joining the Air Force Club system. For more information, call (770) 427-5551.

## Outdoor volleyball tournament

Outdoor Recreation is hosting a mixed four-on-four volleyball tournament on Thursday, Aug. 16 at the base softball field. The event begins at 6 p.m. The double elimination tournament is open to DoD employees, reservists, active duty military, retired military and dependents of active duty military. Sign up begins July 30 at the Rental Center. For more information, call (770) 919-4870.

## Consolidated Club membership night

Make arrangements to be at the Consolidated Club on Aug. 18, when members can enjoy a complimentary meal between 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. One guest enjoys that same meal for only \$5. The club will have games, prizes and entertainment for its members. Attendance is limited to the member plus one guest. Membership night is an adult event and limited to individuals 18 years of age or older. Attendance is first-come, first-served.

## Three college scholarships to be awarded through AF clubs

Air Force Services is conducting the 5th Annual Club Member Scholarship program. Current club members of the Dobbins Consolidated Club and their family members are eligible for this program. Scholarship winners must have been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university as a part-time or full-time student for entry during the fall 2001 term. The three scholarships to be awarded are \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. These sponsorships are provided by Air Force Services and the First USA Bank, Wilmington, Del. Call the Services Marketing Office at (770) 919-4975 for more information on eligibility, requirements for submission, and an entry form. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

## Home Run Derby challenge

Yes! Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a Home Run Derby Contest at the base softball field on Thursday, Sept. 13 beginning at 6 p.m. This contest is open to DoD employees, reservists, active duty military, retired military and dependents of active duty. The contest will be played using the 10-pitch rule while allowing for two pitches to be taken. Sign up for the contest starts on Aug. 27. For more information, call (770) 919-4870.

## Lunch Time Fun Run

Lunch can really be fun! It can be if you're part of the Fitness Center Fun Run on Wednesday, Sept. 26 beginning at 11:45 a.m. Sign up for this event begins Sept. 1 at the Fitness Center. This 2-mile run that starts at the Fitness Center is open to both men and women, and everyone who finishes will receive T-shirt. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at (770) 919-4872.



## Consolidated Club Open House

The Dobbins Consolidated Club is opening its doors to eligible non members on Oct. 20. The club will be serving all adult individuals "eligible" for member-

ship a complimentary meal between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. The club is also giving away door prizes to anyone who enters the drawings. Attendance is limited to individuals eligible for club membership and one guest. Guests pay only \$5 for their meal. The Open House evening is an adult event and is therefore limited to individuals 18 years of age or older. Attendance is first-come, first-served.

## Lodging price change

Based on the lodging rate determination package, SAF/FMC has approved raising the lodging rates at Dobbins. A \$4.50 increase will result in a \$19 cost for all VAQ, VOQ, and VQ rooms, and is needed to stop the operating losses resulting in a financial drain on the Command Lodging Fund's ability to fund approved facility improvement projects. Distinguished VAQ and VOQ suites will increase to \$27.50. These rates include a \$3 surcharge levied by HQ USAF/ILV for construction of new Air Force TLFs and VQs. This increase was implemented July 1. Effective Oct. 1, the Air Force will increase the surcharge by \$4 per night. At that time Dobbins rates will increase to \$23 for VQ, VAQ and VOQ rooms and \$31.50 for distinguished visitor quarters.

## PME registration

It's time again for the annual drive recruiting students for the Professional Military Education seminar programs. The education office is accepting applications for the Academic Year 2002 Air War College and Air Command and Staff College non-resident seminars. AWC is open to colonels, lieutenant colonels (and selects) and GS/GM-13 or above civilian employees. ACSC is open to majors (and selects) and GS-11 or above civilians. The seminars meet weekly starting in early August 2001, and run until mid-June 2002. For more information, contact the Dobbins Base Education office at (770) 919-5001 or the Dobbins Base Training office at (770) 919-5045 or (770) 919-5043.

## Ensure your investments

When it comes to Service Member's Group Life Insurance, completing the election form correctly is as important as the size of the benefit. With the maximum SGLI coverage set at \$250,000, headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Judge Advocate lawyers are concerned about the people who either indicate no SGLI beneficiary or select the "by law" option. The best way to ensure the proceeds are paid to the intended beneficiaries is to specifically name them on the form. If not, strict interpretation of beneficiary definitions in the SGLI statute may result in payment inconsistent with the service member's intent.

Reviewing wills and insurance documents, including SGLI, every couple of years or whenever family circumstances change, such as after a divorce or when a child is born, is the best policy. Making sure these legal documents are up-to-date and correct is something military members can do for their families.

## Find money

Finding money and putting your money to work just got a whole lot easier. The Bureau of Public Debt launched a new website called Treasury Hunt. The site makes it easier for people to find out if they may have a matured savings bond that the postal service couldn't deliver or an interest payment that was returned to Public Debt. Customer privacy is protected by encrypted communications and a follow-up process to assure payment or holdings information is disclosed only to the bond owner. Investors can go to <http://www.savingsbonds.gov> and click on the Treasury Hunt link.

## Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Members complete the items on their personal affairs checklist and keep the items in a personal affairs packet. Family members should always know where the packet containing items such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, and bank account numbers are located.

The 94th AW Community Action Information Board (CAIB) will meet on Sunday of the July UTA at 9 a.m. in the Wing Commanders conference room.

Additional Family Readiness Volunteer spouses are needed for our unit family support groups. The volunteers are trained to assist unit families at times of major mobilization. The volunteers will be receiving training on Saturday of the September UTA from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in Room 2313 of Building 838.

Each unit should have at least five volunteers for their family support group.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If you are out of the Atlanta area, call toll free (888) 436-2246, ext. 9-5004.

## GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia license on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday Aug. 2, 2001

Thursday Nov. 1, 2001

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.



80th APS rolls out the carpet for first female retiree



Tech. Sgt. Carolyn Kemp (left) , 80th Aerial Port Squadron information management specialist, and Master Sgt. Claudia Martin (right), 80th APS chief of squadron information management, take a final look at some paperwork before Kemp retired last UTA. Kemp served 21 years with the 80th APS and became its first female retiree during last month's ceremony that had her departing under crossed sabers provided by the Dobbins Base Honor Guard. "The 80th has been like a family to me and I'm really going to miss them," said Kemp. She spent her entire career with the unit. (Photo by Don Peek)

Helpful hints for weight control

By Staff Sgt. Houston Gilliland, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

What you must know to lose weight:  
Diets don't work. If you have ever been on a diet, you know that dieting does not work. Eventually, dieting and denial lead to overeating and often, binge eating.  
Calories do count. If you eat more calories than what you are burning off through exercise and daily activities, you will gain weight. On the other hand, eating fewer calories than what your body requires will result in weight loss. Reducing the fat in your diet will help reduce total caloric intake, but only if you consume appropriate portion sizes and reduce your caloric intake. Just because you're eating fat-free cookies doesn't mean that you're entitled to the whole box in 2 days. Calories add up whether they're calories from protein, carbohydrates, or fat.

The following are 10 tips for successful weight reduction as outlined in Nancy Clark's *Sports Nutrition Guidebook*:

1. Write down what and when you eat or drink in a day and why. Keeping accurate food records of every bite you take can help identify why you are eating (happy, sad, hungry, bored). Plus, its amazing to find out how the little snacks add up during the day. A few handfuls of peanuts or M&Ms can easily contribute 500 to 800 extra calories.
2. Become aware of meal timing. You may eat lightly during the day, but devour dinner and snacks throughout the evening. Experiment by eating a considerable breakfast and lunch and eating lightly for dinner. Usually, people are most active during the day, so it only makes sense to consume the bulk of our calories during this time. Some people aren't hungry for breakfast because they consume too many calories in the evening.
3. Learn your calorie budget. Know how much you can eat to lose weight and still maintain your energy
4. Divide your calorie budget into at least 3 parts of the day. If you are eating 1,800 calories a day to lose weight, divide your calories into three parts of the day:  
Breakfast/snack 600 calories  
Lunch/snack 600 calories



In a brief ceremony on the 94th Airlift Wing flightline, Col. Robert E. Bailey, assistant vice commander, 22nd Air Force, re-enlisted Chief Master Sgt. Richard W. Wilt, Master Sgt. Ellen Hatfield Wilt, and Senior Master Sgt. Richard Trench. The Wilts are assigned to the 622nd Regional Support Group, and Trench is assigned to 22nd Air Force. The three are standing next to the #9284 C-130 aircraft, which was the pride of the fleet at the 928th AW, Chicago IAP ARS, where they all were previously assigned, and where Sergeant Wilt began her career with the Reserve. For Bailey, Trench and the Wilt's, it was a bit of their heritage and past that lives on.

- Dinner/snack 600 calories
- You may even want to eat 4 to 6 mini-meals throughout the day. You will not gain weight from eating breakfast and lunch as long as you don't consume more calories than what you need. If anything, you will be less hungry at the end of the day, which will help eliminate or reduce overeating in the evening.
5. Read food labels. Be aware of how many calories are in a serving and, more importantly, how many servings are in a container! Your bowl of cereal in the morning may actually be 3 or 4 servings of cereal. A single muffin may contain 2 to 3 servings, which means you could be consuming 400 - 500 calories and 50 grams of fat.... just from one muffin!
  6. Eat slowly. The brain needs about 20 minutes to receive a signal that you're full; it doesn't matter how much food you've consumed during this time. Try to pace your eating by putting the fork down between bites, chewing slowly, and enjoying your food.
  7. Eat your favorite foods regularly. Believe it or not, you can still eat your much-loved potato chips and lose weight. If you deny yourself permission to eat your favorite foods, you are much more likely to binge. A handful of potato chips once or twice a week is much better than devouring a whole bag in 30 minutes after days of denial!
  8. Stay away from foods that tempt you. Out of sight, out of mind, and out of mouth. Storing cookies and other fattening snacks in see-through containers on the counter will more than likely tempt you every time you walk by. Store them in areas out of sight. Better yet, keep tempting foods out of the house.
  9. Exercise consistently. Exercise regularly but don't overdo it. Don't punish yourself after a day of overeating by pushing yourself twice as hard or twice as long. One day of overeating will not make you gain weight. Remember that it takes 3,500 extra calories to gain one pound of weight. Realistically, it's almost impossible to consume this amount over your required needs to gain one pound in a day.
  10. Think fit and healthy! Every day, visualize yourself as getting fitter and leaner. Be patient with yourself; you didn't gain weight over night. Changing your eating and exercise habits for life takes time. Positive self-talk is very important to your well being and will help not only with weight loss, but also with daily living. (Source: Clinical Dietitian)

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Newly Assigned

- Maj. Jeffrey J. Tousignant
- Capt. Timothy L. Cottle
- Capt. Timothy J. Welch
- Master Sgt. David A. Metroka
- Tech. Sgt. Anthony Mode
- Tech. Sgt. Steven A. Stafford
- Staff Sgt. Eric W. Katvala
- Senior Airman Leon G. Barber
- Senior Airman Timothy M. Clark
- Senior Airman Jennifer C. Puryear
- Airman 1st Class Joacin J. Battle
- Airman 1st Class Christopher May
- Airman 1st Class Rayna T Newan
- Airman 1st Class Sarah T. Thomas
- Airman Basic Syreeta R. Hagins
- Airman Basic Latechia M. Hogue

Are you eligible for the High Year Tenure Extension program?

A total of 18 individuals from 10 units serviced by the 94th Mission Support Squadron have been identified as having a high-year tenure date between June 1 and Dec. 31, 2002. The MPF will provide each unit commander who has individuals in his or her respective unit the names of the individuals who are eligible for consideration of an HYT extension under the Temporary HYT Extension program. Notification will be made to the unit commanders prior to the July UTA. Unit commanders will then notify each member who is eligible for consideration of an HYT extension. The member's concurrence is required before he or she can be recommended for an extension of HYTD; however, the extension is not automatic. The member's request requires a recommendation for approval by the local commanders with final approval by HQ AFRC/CV. POC: 94 MSS/DPMSA (Relocations), (770) 919-4883.

Family Day 2001

When: Saturday, Aug. 4

Time: Noon - 4 p.m.

Where: Lakeside Recreation Area

Who: Reservists, families and friends

What: Food, music and lots of fun and games for everyone!

Also, join Family Readiness in the Lakeside Recreation Center and get information about finance, legal, Tri-Care, family readiness, morale, welfare and recreation, and base exchange services.

# Two lives lost

## Dobbins members mourn loss of two of their own

### Senior Master Sgt. George Hoffman

**By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis**  
*Public Affairs*

After his brother, John, and sister, Francina, the Air Force Reserve was family for 51-year-old Senior Master Sgt. George Hoffman. Hoffman, a life-long bachelor and computer workgroup manager with the 622nd Regional Support Group, died on May 28 from an apparent heart attack.



A native of Kansas City, Mo., Hoffman had more than 29 years with the Air Force Reserve, most of which were spent as a command post control technician. While he dedicated his life to the Reserve, he never lost touch with his real family. "Coming home" to Kansas City for the holidays was something they all looked forward to and Hoffman did it often.

During the recent Memorial Day weekend, he didn't make it home, but he and his brother talked often, even upgrading their computers together and sharing thoughts after seeing Pearl Harbor. Actually, Hoffman was still watching the movie when John called him on his cell phone at the theater to ask what he thought of it.

Known early in life for his dedication to service and taking care of people's needs, Hoffman maintained his reputation throughout his life. It started with his Catholic school days, where Sisters would pull him out of class to repair a projector. And, it continued to his most recent Reserve position, where he would change default settings on copiers to reduce costs.

Hoffman was always there to help people. Since the first of the year he had worked for Maj. Lee Mumford, 622nd Regional Support Group director of Communication and Information. Mumford was

moved by Hoffman's death.

"It's bad when you lose someone like that," said Mumford, referring to the suddenness of his death. "George was one of those guys who dedicated himself to service. He always looked for a way to contribute to our efforts. He was driven to do it right - like a perfectionist - everything he did was perfect.

"When we lost him, it became even more apparent to me how significant a contribution he made and how much we depended on his skills," continued Mumford. "People started telling me what he had done for them or about things he was doing for them that I wasn't even aware he was doing. He was a valuable member of our team and we suffered from his loss.

"We didn't bother his work area until his brother and sister could visit, but it was a humbling experience to package up his personal affects," Mumford added. "Picking up each little object a person has is like going through the pages of his life. It was an emotional time for me to put away the little things that meant so much to George."

A co-worker and close friend, Master Sgt. Ellen Wilt, 22nd AF Public Affairs, summed up Hoffman's character as she wrote in a tribute. "He was in his element... his joy in his work showed in the spring in his step and that ear-splitting grin he always flashed my way. He gave selflessly, with no thought of reward or praise."

Hoffman was eulogized during funeral services in Warner Robins where many members of his family in blue were in attendance. The following day he was honored in a memorial service at the Dobbins chapel. Hoffman was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Warner Robins near his father who was a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel.



### Airman 1st Class Diego Garcia

**By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman**  
*Public Affairs*

"Just a senseless waste," was the way Tech. Sgt. David Strickland explained the tragic traffic accident that claimed the life of Airman 1st Class Diego Garcia on a

the way of traffic.

He was attempting to cross the road when a car struck him in the oncoming lane.

When police arrived on the scene, they found Tech. Sgt. Martha Alley's name on some documents in his vehicle. She was the first to be notified.

"A person full of life," was the way Alley, from the 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron administration section, described him.

"Sergio was a very happy-very forgiving person," she remembered. "He cared an awful lot about the people around him."

Alley said that probably his greatest attribute was that he was dedicated to his friends.

Garcia's death was particularly shocking to Strickland, the communications chief for the 94th AES.

"Sergio was a regular at my house," he said. "He was a regular just about every weekend."

two-lane highway in North Carolina.

A memorial service was held June 3 at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base chapel during the 94th Airlift Wing unit training assembly. Members of the 94th and friends of Garcia gathered to say goodbye to a fallen friend.

Garcia, a pharmacy helper with the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, was driving when his had a problem. He pulled his car over on the side of the road, out of

One significant thing Strickland recalled about Garcia was that he went out of the way to do good things for other people. Garcia frequently worked on people's yards, never asking for anything in return-except for the occasional cookie.

"He was a single guy," Strickland explained. "It was hard not to like him. We all kind of adopted him. He's probably helped all of us move one time or another. He'll be missed."



**During the June UTA, a memorial service was held at the chapel in honor of Senior Master Sgt. George Hoffman and Airman 1st Class Diego Garcia. Left: Maj. Lee Mumford hands Col. William Haber a folded American Flag. Right: Col. Linda Pearce hands a folded American flag to Garcia's family. (Photos by Don Peek).**